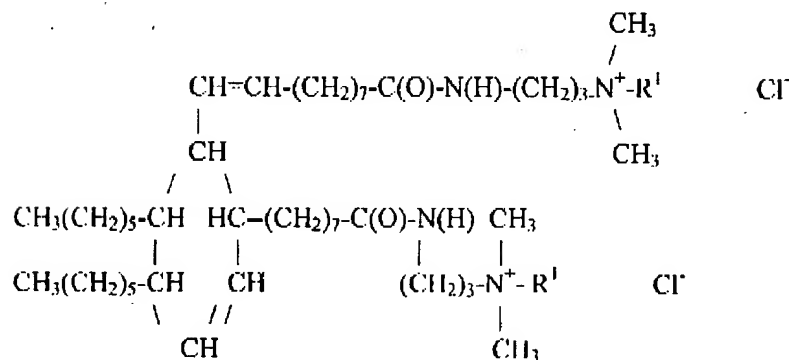


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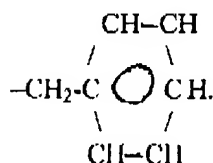
IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Amended). A quaternary compound conforming to the following structure:



wherein;

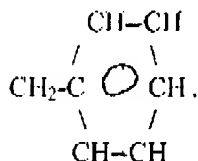
R¹ is selected from the group consisting of -CH₃, ~~-CH₂-CH(OH)CH₂OH~~ and



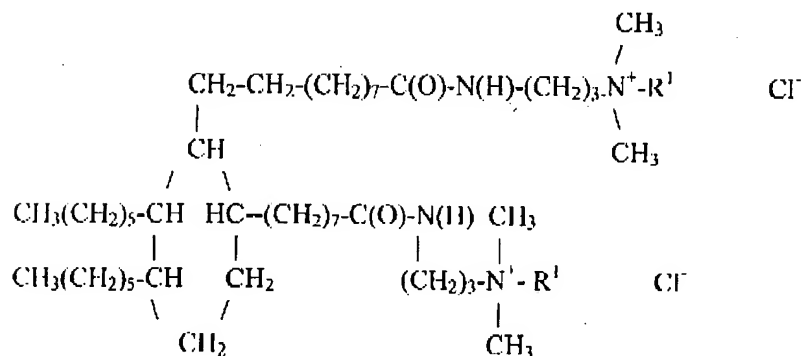
Claim 2 (Original). A quaternary compound of claim 1 wherein R¹ is -CH₃.

Claim 3 (Cancel)

Claim 4 (Original). A quaternary compound of claim 1 wherein R^1 is

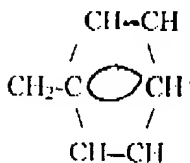


Claim 5 (Original). A quaternary compound conforming to the following structure:



wherein;

R^1 is selected from the group consisting of $-\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ and

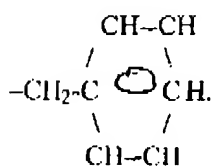


Claim 6 (Original). A quaternary compound of claim 5 wherein R^1 is $-\text{CH}_3$.

Claim 7 (Original). A quaternary compound of claim 5 wherein

R^1 is $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$.

Claim 8 (Original). A quaternary compound of claim 5 wherein R^1 is




Discussion of the Amendment

Claims 1-8 are pending. Claims 5-8 stand allowed, claims 1 and 3 are rejected under 35 USC 102 and Claims 2 and 4 stand objected to. Applicant has amended claim 1 to remove the definition that R¹ is -CH₂-CH(OH)CH₂OH, and cancelled claim 3. This R¹ definition is the basis of the rejection under 35 USC 102. Applicant respectfully contends that the removal of that definition removes the rejection under 35 USC 102 and places the remaining claims in a condition of allowance.

Applicant thanks Examiner Kumur for the helpful recommendations. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims as amended and anxiously awaits an early Notice of allowance on the now pending claims.

Respectfully submitted;



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